



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.:	09/755,016	Examiner: C. Fronda
Filed:	01/05/2001	Atty. Docket No.: LEX-0114-USA
Title: Novel Human Proteases and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

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The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on September 9, 2002 (Paper No. 13), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 13 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is timely filed. Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims so that the text of the independent claim is as follows:

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